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A 26-year veteran police officer was arrested last week in Wyandotte after he allegedly threatened to shoot a man in the face.

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Videos prompt resignation of Westland police chief

Westland Chief of Police Jeff Jedrusik resigned last week as controversial video tapes of his interactions with citizens while a patrolman were made public.

The 25-year-old videotapes show Jedrusik requesting offenders to perform particular tasks such as such as break dancing, performing a headstand or singing Yankee Doodle Dandy to avoid arrest. The videotapes were referred to the office of Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy after being investigated by Michigan State Police. Worthy declined to prosecute based on 25-year-old videotapes, according to a statement from her office.

Deputy Chief of Police Kyle Dawley has been named as interim police chief according to Mayor Michael Londeau, who had been aware of the videotapes since February. The situation, Londeau said, was immediately referred to the city attorney for an opinion. The tapes were apparently edited and released by Jedrusik's former wife and the city attorney found no basis for criminal charges. Londeau said he was initially hesitant to interfere in any employee's personal life.

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When the publicity surrounding the issue became a deterrent to conducting city business and the issue became political, Londeau said Jedrusik's decision to step down was in the best interest of the city.

Jedrusik said that he was a young officer at the time and while he did not recall his exact involvement in the incidents depicted, he was embarrassed by his behavior. "I would never act that way today and I would not expect my officers to act that way," Jedrusik said in a prepared statement.

Jedrusik, 50, has been with the Westland Police Department for more than 25 years. He is currently collecting partial retirement benefits as part of a 2020 agreement with the city. His tenure with the department was scheduled to end in 2025 after he had trained a replacement.

The issue has now become the topic of political rhetoric with State Rep. Kevin Coleman, D-Westland, commenting on the issue on his personal and official Facebook pages. Coleman characterized the delay in Jedrusik's resignation as a failure of Londeau's administration. Both Coleman and Londeau, along with at least four others, have declared their candidacy for the mayor's office. Coleman failed in his first attempt at election to the seat, losing to former Mayor William Wild in 2017. He then went on to seek his current term in the state Legislature.

Chief of Police Jeff Jedrusik

In his prepared statement

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Gearing up

District now offering electric vehicle classes

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is poised to take a top position in a rapidly evolving, fast-growing automotive field: electric vehicles.

In the upcoming school year, the district will offer classes focused on electric vehicle technology and manufacturing, becoming the first in Michigan to teach a full design-to-drive high school curriculum.

"All over Michigan and the world, we're seeing an extremely high demand for trained employees in this new automotive technology," said Gerald Lickey, Career and Technical Education automotive instructor and teacher leader at Canton High School. "With our new EV curriculum, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is on the cutting edge of ensuring we prepare students for careers in this important new phase of the automotive industry."

In the electric vehicle program at Plymouth-Canton, students will learn about electric vehicle technology and design. Course work will include building an electric vehicle, testing and repairing it, and driving the vehicle on the road once all technology, design and safety details have been nailed down.

The Margaret Dunning Foundation, which supports educational programs focused on the automobile and transportation industries in Michigan, provided a $58,000 grant to the district for the purchase of Switch Lab electric vehicle parts and components as well as resources to build a curriculum.

Gerald Lickey, CTE automotive instructor and teacher leader at Canton High School,at left, Plymouth High School senior Owen Moline-Freeman, Canton High School senior Liam Pfeifer and Salem High School senior Jack Novak admire the electric vehicle.

"Electric vehicles are the big leap forward in automotive technology, like the monumental change that took place when we switched from horses to the horseless carriage more than 150 years ago," said Lickey, who has spent 40 years teaching and working in the auto sector. "Our students are just as excited about them as I am. This is the direction that the entire auto industry is going now."

"Incorporating electric vehicles into our Career and Technical Education curriculum is another way Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is preparing our students for job opportunities of the future," said Dr. Monica Merritt, superintendent of Plymouth Canton Community Schools. "We are so grateful to the Margaret Dunning Foundation and our partners who extended such generous support for our students and their success."

Expert warns Sumpter Township trustees of cybercrime

Sumpter Township officials received some strong words of warning during a recent meeting of the board of trustees.

David Behen, an executive with SenCy, a cyber security company based in Ann Arbor, was invited to speak to the board members by Deputy Supervisor/Trustee Tim Rush. Rush, the township delegate to the Conference of Western Wayne, heard Behen's presentation at a recent meeting and said he thought it was crucial to provide Sumpter officials with the information Behen presented.

Behen told the board members that he has been deep into cyber since 2011and previously filled leadership roles in the private and public sector for more than 20 years. He spent six years as a cabinet member for Gov. Rick Snyder as the director of the Department of Technology, Management and Budget, and Chief Information Officer for the State of Michigan. Under Behen's direction, Michigan established itself as the national leader in the IT and cybersecurity arena, he said. Snyder is also an executive with the SenCy company after serving two terms as governor.

After explaining his credentials, Behen told the board that many states use Michigan as a model for cyber security and noted that SenCy provides sensible solutions to cyber security.

Small and medium organizations are being completely ignored by the cyber security industry, he said, while there has been a 424 percent increase of cyber attacks on small and medium organizations.

"This is happening in your community, across the State of Michigan and the United States," he told the board and emphasized that his appearance was in no way a sales pitch. "If you walk away with a few things to keep in mind about not only your organization, not only about Sumpter Township, but your community and what you need to be talking about with con-

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David Behen

Romulus

Raid reveals drugs, guns, cash in home

Following a police raid at a Romulus home earlier this year, a federal complaint against the resident has been filed in the Eastern District Court of Michigan.

During the raid, officers said they confiscated fentanyl, firearms, and brass knuckles from the home of Walter Butler, 43, who had been under surveillance for several months prior to the search of the multi-family dwelling located on Waynecourse Street in Romulus. During the months-long police surveillance, investigators allege to have witnessed multiple drug transactions involving narcotics, according to the court complaint. Butler has been charged with possession with intent to distribute and possession of firearms in furtherance of drug trafficking in the federal complaint.

The court documents allege that Butler had numerous interactions with the investigating officer who conducted both electronic and physical surveillance at the home through February of this year. The complaint alleges that drug transactions also took place in vehicles parked at the home. During a Feb. 3 raid at the home, police also detained two women, later identified as family members of the accused.

Police confiscated a cigar pouch containing 26 grams of M30 suspected fentanyl pills and 38 grams of M367 suspected hydrocodone pills; a silver Gerstenberger U Eberwein Gussenstadt revolver, 22 caliber, reported stolen; a Browning, 12-gauge shotgun; a Marlin .22 caliber rifle; Winchester 9mm ammunition; two boxes of 12-gauge ammunition; a box of 38 caliber ammunition; a silver "brass knuckles" and $367. In a Ford Excursion parked outside the home, officers seized three loaded Glock handguns and another cigar pouch containing 112 grams of blue M30 pills; a pill bottle containing 22 grams of suspected hydrocodone pills and miscellaneous M30 suspected fentanyl pills and white suspected hydrocodone pills in a plastic baggie. Testing proved the pills labeled hydrocodone also contained fentanyl, according to the federal complaint.

The complaint also claims officers found two loaded pistols in the vehicle. No trial or court date was assigned at press time.

City roadwork under way

Drivers in Romulus can expect a few traffic delays and detours when road construction season begins.

As early as this week, workers from the Wayne County Roads Division are slated to begin the Wayne Road and Ecorse Road intersection reconstruction project. The intersection will be closed to all traffic until the estimated completion time this fall.

The northbound I-275 ramps to eastbound and westbound I-94 were scheduled to close at 7 a.m. May 1. The ramps will remain closed through early July, officials said. The eastbound I-94 ramp to northbound I-275 will also be closed through early July.

The westbound I-94 ramp to northbound I-275 will close at 7 a.m. May 8 and remain closed through early July, according to Wayne County officials.

Like all construction projects, weather and other unforeseen issues can play a role in potential delays, they said, and all timeframes are estimates.

County officials reminded motorists to drive with caution through the areas and respect all posted speed limits.

Meet the champs

The Romulus Police and Fire hockey team skated away with the championship trophy in their division during a charity tournament last month. The team traveled to Bay City to compete against first responders from throughout the state and outscored their opponents. The hockey tournament was a benefit for Special Olympics of Michigan and all proceeds went to the organization.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 13, 2023
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: Eva Webb
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert McCraight, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock, City Attorney; Roberto Scappaticci, DPW Director.

1. **Agenda**
   - **A.** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
2. **Minutes**
   - **A.** **Res. #23-064** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** for Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on March 6, 2023. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams Abstain -Abdo Nays - None **Motion Carried**
   - **B.** **Res #23-065** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** for Approval of the Minutes from the Special meeting(s) held on March 6, 2023 Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams Abstain -Abdo Nays - None **Motion Carried**
3. **Petitioner** - None
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   Mayor Pro Tem Barden invited Congressman Shri Thanedar to the podium to address the city council.
   - **A.** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. **Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**
   - **A.** **Res. #23-066** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams**, to concur with the Administration to re-appoint Mark Wilhide, Cynthia Harris, and Debbie Lattner to the Police, Fire, and Safe Commission with terms to expire on February 22, 2026. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - **B.** **Res. #23-067** Moved by Bill Wadsworth, seconded by **Virginia Williams**, to concur with the Administration to re-appoint Linda Choate and Sheldon Chandler with terms to expire on November 1, 2027, and appoint Gayle Mach with a term to expire November 1, 2024, to the Cemetery Board of Trustees. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - **C.** **Res. #23-068** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to concur with the Administration and award ITB 22/23-16 for the reconstruction of concrete pavement segments on Brandt Street to the lowest, most responsive, and responsible bidder, Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, in the amount of $924,857.50 with a 10% contingency in the amount of $92,485.75 to cover the cost of any unforeseen construction-related changes. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk** - See Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes
   - **A.** **Res. #23-069** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve the second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 22/23-12 (Fire Department), in the amount of $164,575.000, to recognize federal funding and allocate additional funds for costs associated with the acceptance of the 2023 SAFER grant and the hiring of six (6) additional firefighter positions in accordance with the "Period Performance" for the grant beginning, March 20, 2023. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - **B.** **Res. #23-070** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe**, to approve the second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 22/23-13 (Building Department) in the amount of $150,000.000 to recognize additional fees for engineering reimbursements. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - **C.** **Res. #23-071** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe**, to approve the first reading and introduction for amendments to Chapter 26, Article I, Section 26-3, Permanent Structure and Mobile Food Service of the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer -** See Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes
   Res. #23-072 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adopt a memorial resolution in memory of Karen Richard. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
8. **Public Comment** - None
9. **Unfinished Business** - See Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes
10. **New Business**
    The City Clerk asked the council to adopt a resolution in recognition of Jan Lemmon.
    Res. #23-073 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adopt a resolution recognizing Jan Lemmon for her service and contribution to the Romulus Memorial Cemetery. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
    Res. #23-074 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adopt a memorial resolution in memory of Bishop James L. Whitehead, Jr. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
11. **Warrant**
    - **A.** **Res. #23-075** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** for Approval of Warrant #23-5 for checks presented in the amount of $1,586,680.38. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Nays - Williams **Motion Carried**
12. **Communication** - See Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes
13. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 27, 2023.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Robert McCraight, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Julie Albert - Director of Assessing and Financial Services; Jerome Frayer - DDA Director; Colleen Dumas - Recreation Director; Derran Shelby - Deputy Police Chief

1. **Agenda**
   - **A.** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by Kathy Abdo, to accept the Agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
2. **Minutes**
   - **A.** **Res. #23-076** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, March 13, 2023, at 7:30p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - **B.** There were no special meetings held on Monday, March 13, 2023.
3. **Petitioner**
   - **A.** Petitioner**:** Rev. Arthur Willis Petition: Road Closure Request for Annual Good Friday Day Walk Event Rev. Arthur Willis said a prayer on behalf of the families who lost loved ones in the school shooting in Nashville, TN. He requested a no-fee permit for the annual Good Friday Walk Event. **Res. #23-077** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by Kathy Abdo, to approve the no-fee permit for the Good Friday Walk Event and the closing of Goddard Road starting at Hunt St. and ending at Five Points from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, April 7, 2023 **Motion Carried Unanimously**
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   - **A.** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
5. **Mayor's Report – Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**
   - **A.** **Res. #23-078** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the use of the Elmer Johnson's Park pavilion on June 9, 2023, for the Romulus Middle School's end of the year eighth-grade picnic. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - **B.** **Res. #23-079** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by Celeste Roscoe, to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit to the Kiwanis Club for the use of the Historical Park on April 22, 2023, for an Earth Day Nature walk and clean-up event in conjunction with Romulus Community Schools. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - **C.** **Res. #23-080** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to concur with the Administration and the Downtown Development Authority and approve the proposed amendments to the City of Romulus Downtown Development Authority By-laws to reflect the decrease in the number of serving members from thirteen to nine. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - **D.** **Res. #23-081** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to concur with the Administration and adopt the Resolution authorizing Entry of Participation Agreements in Partial Settlement of the National Prescription Opiate Litigation and Entry of State and Local Government Intrastate Agreement Concerning Allocation of Settlement Proceeds. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - **E.** **Res. #23-082** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb**, to concur with the Administration and award RFP 22/23-13 for a two (2) year maintenance contract for landscaping & irrigation for the Merriman Road Special Assessment District (SAD) to the only responding contractor DJ's Landscaping Management, in the estimated amount of $45,00.00 per season and not to exceed budgeted funds. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - **F.** **Res. #23-083** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to concur with the Administration and introduce Budget Amendment 22/23-14 to use funds balance to replace the Federal Weather Station (Tornado Sirens) equipment that is failing due to outdated equipment.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
261 – 911 Fund				
Fund Balance 261-000-390.000	Fund Balance	$187,746.00	$(12,990).00	$174,746.00
Expense 261-301-970.000	Capital Outlay	$-	$12,990.00	$12,990.00

Motion Carried Unanimously

6. **Clerk's Report – Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   Res. #23-084 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Bianca Nicole McDavid. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - **A.** **Res. #23-085** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of amendments to Chapter 26, Article I, Section 26.3, Permanent structure and mobile food service, of the Romulus Code of Ordinances Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb Nays - Williams **Motion Carried**
   - **B.** **Res. #23-086** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to amend the 22/23 fee schedule for the Clerk's Office to allow for the collection of food truck licensing fees as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - **C.** **Res. #23-087** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by Kathy Abdo, to concur with the recommendation of the Executive Advisory Committee and appoint David Jones to the Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals, pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act 110 of 2006, with a term to expire on June 30, 2025. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - **D.** **Res. #23-088** Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Study Session Request for Monday, April 24, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of providing the Council with updates to development from NorthPoint Development and amendments to the Romulus Trade Center Conditional Rezoning and Development Agreement related to phasing. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
7. **Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
8. **Public Comment**
   A resident inquired about HVAC installation in the building he rents.
9. **Unfinished Business**
   Councilwoman Williams asked for an update on the reconstruction of the Veteran's Monument Memorial.
   Res. #23-089 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Diane Reid-Harris. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
10. **New Business** – See Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes
11. **Warrant**
    - **A.** **Res. #23-090** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 23-6 for checks presented in the amount of $1,813,762.47.
      Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb Nays - Williams **Motion Carried**
12. **Communication** - See Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes
13. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan, certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 27, 2023.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CANTON

Signed up
Non-verbal communication boards now installed in parks

Canton Township recently installed innovative nonverbal communication boards in two popular parks - Heritage and Independence parks.

The boards are designed to enable nonverbal individuals to easily communicate through the use of the augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) board that will help individuals express themselves while encouraging inclusivity and conversation on the playground, explained Recreation Supervisor Laura Mortier.

"Canton Township continually works towards increasing the more inclusive amenities to our parks," Mortier said. "These additions will go a long way to enable more park visitors of all abilities to have a positive experience at our playground, all while creating a more equitable play environment for all."

Developed by Communication is Key, AAC, a Michigan-based nonprofit organization, these communication stations were created to assist individuals with complex communications needs, such as individuals with diagnoses such as autism, dementia, intellectual disabilities, hearing loss, and more, Mortier added.

Installed low to the ground for ease of use by children, these 3-feet by 4-feet panels enable individuals to point to pictures/words on the display to express their thoughts and feelings. The posted instructions are simple: To use the board: point to the symbols while you talk; allow response time and have fun, she explained.

The board features several symbols that users can simply point out in order to express what they are trying to say. These squares include illustrations and words for pronouns: I, you; with other boxes indicating actions, such as: climb, swing, slide, run and more. Additional boxes can be used to indicate the visitor needs a bathroom break or use of a drinking fountain,

Augmentative and Communication boards are now available in both Heritage and Independence parks in Canton Township. Photo courtesy of Canton Township.

along with the basics "Yes," "No," "What?" "Where?" "All Done," and others.

The newly installed communication boards can be found in Heritage Park, which is a 106-acre park located behind the Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, and at Independence Park, an 80-acre park located on the southwest corner of Denton and Proctor roads.

For more information about the installation of these non-verbal communication panels or any Canton Park, visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Federal agents charge Canton man with child sex abuse

A Canton Township man is facing multiple federal criminal charges of sexually exploiting children, child pornography and producing sexually explicit material of minors for import into the United States.

In a federal criminal complaint filed last week, Charles Calahan Lowe, 49, is charged with exchanging1,600 messages and joining 177 Skype calls with a child sex trafficker in the Philippines who sells sexually abusive webcam sessions involving children. According to the indictment, Lowe paid for the child pornography with wire transfers he obtained at Rite Aid in an effort to hide his actions from his wife.

The charges result from an investigation by Department of Homeland Security agents of webcam exchanges between sellers of video material featuring the sexual abuse and exploitation of children to paying customers. Authorities said purchasers of the videos could then request specific sexually abusive acts involving children during private webcam exchanges. The seller in the investigation of Lowe's involvement was a woman based in the Philippines, according to the court documents. She was selling sexually abusive videos using Skype.

> *Lowe's Canton home was searched April 20 and agents seized multiple electronic devices.*

Federal agents executed a search warrant for the Skype account the trafficker was using and determined that one user of the site was an account linked to Lowe. Agents discovered 1,608 messages exchanged between the trafficker and Lowe. She has been arrested, according to court filings, on suspicion of producing and distributing sexually abusive material involving children.

From April 28, 2018 until Dec. 21, 2019, Lowe and the trafficker also exchanged 177 Skype calls. Federal prosecutors allege that during the same period, the trafficker sent 29 sexually explicit videos and photos to Lowe. According to the indictment, Lowe told the trafficker he wanted to see her 3-year-old daughter in the webcam calls and sent several sexually explicit and graphic messages about the child which are now evidence in the criminal complaint. Records from Western Union demonstrate the wire payments to an address in the Philippines sent from an email address associated with Lowe's Skype account.

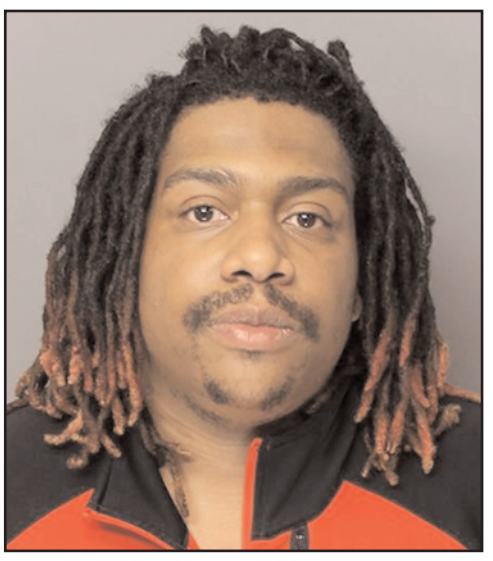
Lowe's Canton home was searched April 20 and agents seized multiple electronic devices. Agents discovered a sexually abusive video of a 12-14-year-old girl on his phone, according to the complaint. Lowe is charged with sexual exploitation of a child; sexual exploitation of a child outside the United States; attempt and conspiracy to sexually exploit a child; receiving/distributing/possessing child pornography; online enticement of a child to engage in sexual activity; production of sexually explicit depictions of a minor for importation to the United States and attempt and conspiracy to produce sexually explicit depictions of a minor for importation to the United States.

Shooting suspect faces multiple felony charges

Following searches in Canton Township, Taylor, Dearborn Heights and Detroit, the man suspected in the April 16 shooting at Sherwood Mobile Home Park has been arrested and arraigned on multiple felony charges.

Tywone Sweden, 31, has been charged with 14 felonies, including assault with intent to murder, felonious possession of a weapon and assault with a dangerous weapon in connection to the shooting. Prosecutors allege Sweden shot a 38-year-old man, wounding him in the leg and abdomen during the incident at the mobile home park located on Old Michigan Avenue.

Police discovered the victim at the scene and applied life-saving measures. He was then transported to a nearby hospital by emergency services for treatment of his wounds. His condition was unknown at press time.



Tywone Sweden

Sweden was arrested April 19 and received a $750,000 bond at his court arraignment last week. His next court appearance is scheduled for tomorrow at the 35th District Court.

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CITY OF ROMULUS
ORDINANCE NO. 2023-004

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 36, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 36-353, OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC SAFETY, DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS, OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS CODE OF ORDINANCES
THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

Section 1. Chapter 36, Article VII Section 36-353 Offenses Against Public Safety, Discharge of Firearms is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 36-353. Discharge of Firearms

ADOPTED, APPROVED, AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 24th day of April 2023.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers on the 24th day of April, 2023.

I further certify that the foregoing was published in the Associated Newspapers, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Romulus, on the 4th day of May, 2023.

ELLEN L. CRAIG-BRAGG, CMC,
Romulus City Clerk

COMPLETE COPY OF ORDINANCE ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, 11111 WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MI.

Within forty-five (45) days after publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 3, 2023
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused:
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert McCraight, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Kathy Hood - Assistant DPW Director

1. **Agenda**
   - A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Eva Webb**, to accept the Agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
2. **Minutes**
   - A. **Res. #23-091** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, March 27, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. There was no special meeting(s) held on Monday, March 27, 2023.
3. **Petitioner** - None
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   - A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
5. **Mayor's Report – Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**
   - A. **Res. #23-092** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration to re-appoint Carole Bales with a term to expire on June 24, 2029, and appoint Adewunmi Gbogboade with a term to expire December 31, 2028 to the Officer Compensation Commission. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **Res. #23-093** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to concur with the administration an award Bid ITB 22/23-19 to the lowest, most responsive and responsible bidder, DJ's Landscape Management (a local vendor) for a three year period ending December 31, 2025, for the mowing and trimming of the Romulus Memorial and the maintenance of the weeds and grass in the alley located behind the downtown businesses for the City of Romulus, City Clerk, and DPW. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - C. **Res. #23-094** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to concur with the Administration and award ITB 22/23-17 to the most responsible and responsible bidder, Winter Equipment Company, for the purchase of underbody scraper blades for the City of Romulus DPW at the prices reflected in the company's bid. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - D. **Res. #23-095** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Virginia Williams**, to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the two-year fixed price contract for tree cutting and stump removal with the two most responsive and responsible bidders, PPM Tree Service and Arbor Care, LLC, and Urban Tree Trimming Services on an as-needed basis at the pricing reflected in each of the company's bids. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
6. **Clerk's Report – Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   - A. **Res. #23-096** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 22/23-14 in the amount of $12,990.00 to use fund balance to replace the Federal Weather Station (Tornado Siren) equipment that is failing due to outdated equipment. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
7. **Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
8. **Public Comment**
   A resident addressed the City Council to solicit volunteers for the Meals on Wheels program.
9. **Unfinished Business**
10. **New Business**
11. **Communication** - See Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes
12. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on April 3, 2023.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Plymouth - Sumpter

New fire station study is OK'd by trustees

Members of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees approved a feasibility study last month regarding the replacement of Fire Station No. 2 in the community.

While Supervisor Kurt Heise, Trustee John Stewart and Clerk Jerry Vorva consider the construction a top priority, Trustees Jen Buckley, Chuck Curmi and Audrey Monaghan do not place the same level of importance on the fire station, rating it as a five on a scale of one to five during a goal setting session earlier this year. Treasurer Bob Doroshewitz rated the importance of a new fire station at a three.

Heise said the current fire station on Wilcox Road should be razed and a new station built at the existing site during discussion of the issue during a recent meeting. The building will soon be 50 years old, he reminded the board members.

"The decision to build a fire station is a huge decision and it's going to be one of the biggest decisions we would make in this decade," Heise said.

Stewart also expressed his conviction that a new station was necessary, reminding the trustees that they had recently approved the construction of new apartments in the area and that several local businesses rely on Station 2 for emergency services. During discussion of the feasibility study, Stewart said he wanted a report "from A to Z" and that he wanted the state standards for service of firefighters included.

> *Our ladder truck won't even fit in this station.*

Board members agreed unanimously to the study to be completed by Dec. 1, with Monaghan absent from the meeting. The study will be performed by Heise, the township engineer and planner and Fire Chief Pat Conely.

Conely is also strongly in favor of a new station nothing the current facility is outdated and beyond rehabilitation. He said the department makes the current building work but that "it could definitely be better." He explained that the station is cramped and out of space and is not energy efficient. The station, Conely said, lacks space for safety turnout gear and has small living quarters, only a single restroom and no workout space for firefighters.

"Our ladder truck won't even fit in this station," Conely said.

2 men facing murder trial in woman's death

Shane Lamar Evans, 34, of Sumpter Township will be sentenced May 4 for his part in the death of Elizabeth (Egypt) Covington in 2017.

Evans entered a guilty plea to charges of second-degree murder as part of a plea deal with prosecutors. He had originally been charged with homicide-felony murder and home invasion-first degree.

Evans offered testimony against Timothy Eugene Moore, 37, of Toledo and Shandon R. Groom, 30, also of Toledo. During proceedings at the 34th District Court, Evans testified he directed Moore and Groom to a duplex on Hull Road in Van Buren Township which he believed was the home of a marijuana seller. The two defendants allegedly entered the wrong side of the duplex and shot and killed Covington. Evans has testified that he identified the residence but left the area before the shooting.

Moore, who is accused of the shooting, and Groom have remained in the Wayne County Jail since their arrest in 2020. Each face charges of first-degree premeditated murder, felony murder, home invasion first degree and weapons felony firearm violations. Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Wanda Evans ruled last week that she would allow the jury trials for the two defendants to be joined.

That trial is set to begin July 24.

Moving along

In the two months since the devastating fire at Karl's Cabin in Plymouth, crews have been working on the demolition phase of restoring the 76-year-old building. The banquet room, service hallways and upstairs offices are torn down to studs and are being prepped for the construction portion of the renovation. The historic log cabin side remains intact and is being prepared for cleaning and staining due to the heavy smoke damage. During a staff meeting at the historic eatery recently, employees were invited to sign the studs and interior walls so their memories would remain in the walls. Owners said updates would continue during the restoration.

Cyber

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stituents and residents, I'll be pleased," he said.

Currently, he said, cyber attacks are coming from China, Russia, Iran and North Korea and are under way 24-7, in an effort to disrupt the quality of life in this country, Behen said. Another motive for hacking is money, he said, as cybercrime can be lucrative.

In addition to the political and profit motives, there are also the thrill seekers attempting to break into computer networks and systems, he said. "And what we call the Hacktavists who attack organizations to embarrass them for some wrong they feel has been committed."

Behen colorfully detailed the exact procedures and tactics cyber criminals of all types use to gain access to systems, including those who seek to ransom a computer system they have attacked. Denial of service attacks are also becoming commonplace, he said when a hacker creates a bot and brings down a system. These people, too, will ransom systems back to the victims, he said.

He offered insightful and detailed examples of the different types of cyber crime and told the board members the best possible defense is information and education. He suggested the township schedule education awareness programs for employees every 6 months as the tactics and capabilities change so rapidly. "Everyone in the organization should take it so they can see what an efficient email really is," he said, "and be able to identify those which contain harmful codes which can overtake a system."

He also told the board members that the township should have an incident response plan in place in the event of a cyberattack. "The majority of organizations are going to get hit. The day you get hit is going to be a really bad day. Someone should be able to say, 'Follow the response plan' and remediate the situation quickly."

Behen also warned the trustees about the most common error computer users tend to commit, which is the failure to change passwords regularly and use strong, multi-character passwords.

"Make sure passwords are complex and long, nine to 14 characters," he advised. "That change is critical every 90 days. These bad guys are doing recon on you, they can find your passwords," he said. He stressed that users should never reuse a previous password. "If a bad guy gets your password and then gets into you're your email account with your user name, he's in your bank accounts, shopping accounts, retirement accounts, and everything else on your computer."

He said everyone should have a password manager application and the programs are inexpensive and easy to use.

"We are trying to demystify cyber security," he said. "A lot of people don't understand, but I guarantee you, cybercrime is happening in your community."

SYNOPSIS
REGULAR MEETING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, April 20, 2023
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
PRESENT: Mark Abbo, Supervisor; Cynthia Jankowski, Clerk; Jason Rhines, Treasurer; Scott Frush, Trustee; Mindy Herrmann, Trustee; Roger Lundberg, Trustee; Christopher Roosen, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. **Agendas:**
   - A. **Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items** - Approved
2. **Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
   - A. **Resolution - Jake Moody** - Approved & Presented
   - B. **Essential Services Complex Presentation** - Approved
   - C. **Reappointment - HDC - Fred Shadko** - Approved
   - D. **Reappointment - Bldg Dept Board of Appeals** - Ronald Fry - Approved
   - E. **Landfill Working Committee Report** - No Report
3. **Public Hearing:** None
4. **Brief Public Comments:** Two members of the audience had questions or comments for the Board of Trustees.
5. **New Business:**
   - A. **Fire - Meadowbrook Country Club Firework Permit** - Approved
   - B. **Water Tower Logo - Legacy Park** - Approved
   - C. **GLWA Reimbursement Agreement** - Approved
   - D. **Essential Services Complex Design Services** - Approved
   - E. **Cunningham-Limp Contract Amendment** - Approved
   - F. **Caterpillar 289D3 Compact Truck Loader Purchase** - Approved
   - G. **Swap Loader Dump Truck Purchase** - Approved
   - H. **Five Mile/ Ridge Road Water Main Project Contract** - Approved
   - I. **Facility Encroachment Agreement w/ CSX Railway** - Approved
   - J. **Quail Ridge Paving SAD Consulting Contract** - Approved
   - K. **Legacy Park Master Plan Update Contract** - Approved
   - L. **Unity Skatepark Design Approval** - Approved
   - M. **Wayne County Park Millage Funds IGA** - Approved
   - N. **Grant Policy** - Approved
   - O. **Amended Real Estate Agreement** - Approved
6. **Unfinished Business:** None
7. **Ordinances:** None
8. **Check Registry:**

A. **In the amount of $ 5,475,538.52 for the period of March 4, 2023 to April 7, 2023.** - Approved

9. **Board Communication & Reports:**

A. Mark Abbo, Cynthia Jankowski, Jason Rhines, Scott Frush, Mindy Herrmann, Roger Lundberg, Christopher Roosen, Todd Mutchler

10. **Any other business for the Board of Trustees:** None
11. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

A draft of the meeting minutes will be available May 2, 2023.
Respectfully submitted:
Mark Abbo, Supervisor
Cynthia Jankowski, Clerk

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61. Misc. Items

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INKSTER - NORTHVILLE

City council approves Yerkes Street repairs

Members of the Northville City Council approved Director of Public Works Director Mike Domine's request for repairs to Yerkes Street in the city.

The repaving will be completed by Nagle Paving and the water main in the street will be replaced, a project that is shovel-ready, Domine explained. While the cost of the work was estimated at $833,943, council members approved a 15 percent contingency for a total of $959,035.

Nagle, the low bidder in the DPW 2022 bid for the Local Road and Water Main Replacement program, explained that the 6-percent increase from the 2022 contract is due to a rise in the cost of materials, labor, and benefits in the proposal.

Engineering consultants from OHM are reviewing the remaining 2023 construction projects and said the unit prices provided and total cost proposed are consistent with recent bidding seen throughout the region. Nagle Paving has an extensive background in construction projects throughout metro Detroit, specifically in Northville, officials said, including the completion of several projects, including the 2022 local street and water main replacement program.

Skate park plan is ok'd

Members of the Northville Township Board of Trustees have approved the design for Unity Park, a skateboard facility to be located in Millennium Park. Funding for the $600,000 park was provided by private donations along with $150,000 from Northville Township and an allocation the township receives as part of the Wayne County Parks millage. California-based Spohn Ranch developed the plans for the project. The park initiative was launched following the hit-and-run death of Northville Township resident and skateboarder Dominic Duhn in 2020. Organizers said a groundbreaking at the new park will be scheduled in the near future. Board members requested a few changes to the proposed design including a different entryway and gathering space in the planned 11,000 square foot facility.

Joint fire contract renewed

The cities of Northville and Plymouth will continue to share fire safety services.

The Northville City Fire Department will renew a 12-year interlocal agreement with the city of Plymouth that shares fire and emergency services, following approval of the Northville City Council members.

Northville Fire Chief Matt Samhat leads the effort, while the Northville Plymouth Fire Advisory Board members provide input into departmental operations. Northville City Fire Department hires and manages a staff of up to 60 part-time, paid-on-call firefighters who are assigned to one of the two cities as their primary station.

In addition to firefighting, they provide basic life support services. Each city maintains their respective fire stations and engines while two separate dispatch centers field calls for service.

Friends of the Rouge volunteers to work in Inkster area

Opportunities for volunteers to join the effort to maintain and plant trees and protect the Lower Rouge River floodplain have been scheduled all summer in the Inkster area, a spokesman from the group explained.

Upcoming events designed to help preserve the local ecosystem are listed and registration to volunteer are listed at: https://therouge.org/rr-events/categories/4-act-trees/.

Friends of the Rouge is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1986 to raise awareness about the need to clean up the Rouge River in southeast Michigan. The mission of the group is the restoration, protection and enhancement of the Rouge River watershed through stewardship, education, and collaboration.

> *The next volunteer work project is set for this Saturday..*

The next volunteer work project is set for 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. this Saturday, May 6. Volunteers will be planting trees along the Lower Rouge River in the Inkster area. Tree planting in the same area is scheduled again from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. next Wednesday, May 10; Thursday, May 11 and Friday, May 12.

The group of volunteers is also planning to work Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at the same times in the same area.

They will also work from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 20.

The volunteer efforts will continue the same weekdays through Saturday, June 3., officials said.

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Wayne - Westland

FIRST place
Robotics team travels to Texas competition

Atlas team members from both John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools traveled to Texas to compete in the 2023 FIRST Robotics Championship.

A group of students from John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools in the Wayne-Westland Community School District were recently selected to participate in one of the most esteemed national youth robotics competitions, the 2023 FIRST Robotics Championship. This year, the competition took place in Houston, TX and was attended by more than 35,000 students, coaches, and supporters from 43 countries.

Atlas, the name of the Wayne Westland district joint team consisting of 11 students, with additional staff members and coaches, competed against 600 teams in special playing fields using robots they designed, built, and programmed. The Wayne Westland team won the Michigan All-Star Rookie award, following their initial foray into science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) projects via Deloitte's national Smart Factory Believers program.

Not only did the students place 65th out of the top 80 teams in the world for their innovative robotic invention, but they also received an award for team diversity, a testament to the importance of programs like Deloitte's Smart Factory Believers program, which gives students from diverse backgrounds an important pathway to explore a career in STEM, explained a spokesman from Deloitte.

The program, which started as part of the philanthropy mission of Deloitte's Smart Factory @ Wichita, provides new STEM education kits called the Smart Rover to students in underserved communities in the United States. Inspired by their work with the Smart Rover, these students have taken their STEM skills to the next level, enabling them to compete at the national level at the FIRST Championship. The district was one of the first to take part in the program, and Deloitte helped support the team travel to Houston.

Off-duty officer arrested

A 26-year veteran police officer was arrested last week in Wyandotte after he allegedly threatened to shoot a man in the face.

The 52-year-old officer spent 20 years with the Detroit Police Department before joining the Westland department six years ago. According to a statement from the Westland department, the officer has been off work for some time and his return was not anticipated. There will be an internal police department investigation of the incident, according to the prepared response.

According to police reports, the officer was with a friend at the Dotte Pub on Oak Street in Wyandotte last Saturday when an altercation of some type occurred. When told to leave or the police would be called, the off-duty Westland officer responded that he "was the police" witnesses claimed. He threatened to shoot a man in the face before his friend reportedly took his loaded gun which was secured on the small of his back. Both men were reportedly intoxicated.

Wyandotte police would only confirm that there had been an altercation at the bar and that as a result two men had been arrested. No further information was provided and both the men arrested have been released from jail.

A spokesperson for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office said a warrant request in connection to an incident at a bar in Wyandotte had been received and is under review.

Farmers' Market will open

A new farmers' market is expected to open at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland this month.

The new market, a cooperative effort of the Wayne County Parks Department and the Eastern Market Corporation, is expected to open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, May 13 and operate on a bi-weekly basis, according to a prepared statement from the parks department.

The market will continue every other Saturday at Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail through Sept. 30. The official announcement of the new market claims shoppers will be able to purchase fresh and affordable locally produced foods. The Eastern Market Corporation operates the Detroit Farmers Market every Saturday in downtown Detroit.

The new venture will not conflict with the ongoing Westland Farmers Market which takes place from 3 until 7 p.m. Thursdays at 1901 Carlson St. officials said.

Chief

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regarding the situation, Jedrusik said he notified both the deputy mayor and city attorney in February when he became aware of the videos which he said were edited and released by his ex-wife. He said that he and his former spouse are currently involved in ongoing civil litigation and post-divorce matters. "I realize the motive was to embarrass me," he said.

The videotapes appear to include encounters by uniformed officers other than Jedrusik. In one instance an apparently intoxicated man is told to stand on his head or he is going to jail. The man replies that he has suffered a closed-head injury and is unable to comply. The officer then asks the man if he can spin on his head "like break dancing." The man is eventually placed in a police vehicle when he cannot comply with the officer's request. While in the vehicle, the man is told to sing the officer a song or tell him a joke and he will be taken home.

In another recorded incident, a man who appears to be intoxicated, is told he can go home after he moves a large boulder. Another taped segment shows an obviously intoxicated woman attempting to clean herself after she has lowered her pants to relieve herself.

"I apologize to the citizens of Westland, the individuals on the videos and the department for my actions. However, due to the civil litigation, I am not able to comment further," Jedrusik's prepared statement concluded.

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